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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

Please keep the playing field open for local broadband internet providers and don't let the big companies like ATT control the market. I have very good experience with a local provider, both in terms of cost and customer service. Without the competition of such local providers, the high players would become even less customer oriented than they already are, and they prices for consumers and small businesses would go up if they now longer have the power of the purse and true alternatives to choose from.

Thanks,

Dietmar Lorenz